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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 December 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4-14,17 and 19-30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 6,8-14,19,20,22,23,29 and 30 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5,7,21 and 25-28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 12/18/09 has been entered.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claim 1 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claim 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 17, 21, 25-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over by Gorday et al (US006665521B1), hereinafter Gorday in view of Kotzin (US00686501B2) and in further view of Ghirnikar et al (US006216001B1, hereinafter Ghirnikar).

Per claim 1, Gorday discloses a method of communicating between at least two wireless devices (see figure 2 and item 34 and 36, column 2 and lines 46-52) having contact less communication means (wireless) , said method comprising: using a communication management

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unit (active partner) to control at least part of the process of communication between said at least two wireless devices (between base station and desired mobile unit), said communication management unit employing a command-response protocol (either the primary or second protocol) to communication with said wireless devices, upon said wireless devices (desired unit) being within a radius of action of said communication management unit; storing in said communication management unit a list of said wireless devices (see column 3 and lines 09-28) that are within the radius of action of said communication management unit (see figures 1 and 2, column 5 and lines 24-45)

Gorday does not teach that the wireless devices are microcircuit cards having contact less communication means. Kotzin teaches that the wireless devices are microcircuit cards having contact less communication means (see figure 2 and item 273 and 275, or removable card item 360). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the references to increase radio modules with single wireless devices. Combination of Gorday and Kotzin does not expressly teach that microcircuit cards are at least one of a proximity card with a 10cm range and vicinity card with a 70cm range.

Combination of Gorday and Kotzin does not expressly teaches storing a message intended for at least one of said at least two electronic entities when the address electronic entity is temporarily out of range of the communication management means. Ghirnkar teaches storing a message intended for at least one of said at least two electronic entities when the address electronic entity is temporarily out of range of the communication management means (see column 4 and lines 16-37). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the

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time the invention was made to combine the teaching of Ghirnkar with Gorday's system to reduce the redundancy of retransmission and save resource.

Same arguments apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to claim 25.

Per claim 2, Gorday further teaches that said wireless device constitute a network of acquaintances (see column 2 and lines 40-45, partners).

Per claim 4, Gorday further teaches that each of said at least two electronic entities is associated with a unique identifier (address of each cooperative partner, see figure 3 and item 308).

Per claim 5, Gorday further teaches that each identifier is associated with a service or family code (cooperative diversity network, column 2 and lines 40-50).

Per claim 7, Gorday further teaches that said list includes a new electronic entity, it includes a step of adding the new electronic entity to said network of acquaintances and a function of at least one predetermined criterion (see column 2 and lines 60-column 3 and line 28).

Per claim 10, Gorday further teaches that it involves at least three electronic entities and in that said communication management means are combined with one of said electronic entities (see figure 1, items 12 and 29).

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Per claims 17, Gorday further teaches GSM in which inherently use SIM card as microcircuit card for secure purpose (see column 1 and lines 18).

Per claim 21, Gorday further teaches that it ensures continuity of communication involving one of said electronic entities and antenna from a plurality of antennas connected to the communication management means when said electronic entity moves in such a manner that said communication involves another antenna from said plurality of antennas (see column 3 and lines 51-column 4 and lines 29, diversity in which utilize any partner's antenna to receive same information to improve the source's gain).

Per claim 25, Gorday discloses a communication system (see figure 1): at least two wireless devices (see figure 2 and item 34 and 36); a communication management unit (see item 29) that employs a command response protocol (scanning and discovery, see column 2 and lines 20-39) to communication with said at least two wireless devices, said management communication unit having stored therein a list of said wireless devices (partners) wirelessly communication with the said communication management unit (see 2 and lines 20-45), wherein the at least one of said electronic entities (partner 4) communication with said communication management unit (item 29) using a wireless technology (secondary protocol). Gorday does not teach that the wireless devices are microcircuit cards having contact less communication means. Kotzin teaches that the wireless devices are microcircuit cards having contact less communication means (see figure 2 and item 273 and 275, or removable card item 360). It would

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have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the references to increase radio modules with single wireless devices.

Combination of Gorday and Kotzin does not expressly teaches storing a message intended for at least one of said at least two electronic entities when the address electronic entity is temporarily out of range of the communication management means. Ghirnikar teaches storing a message intended for at least one of said at least two electronic entities when the address electronic entity is temporarily out of range of the communication management means (see column 4 and lines 16-37). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teaching of Ghirnikar with Gorday's system to reduce the redundancy of retransmission and save resource.

Per claim 26, Gorday further teaches that said list of partners in the communication management means includes a list of all said wireless devices in communication with the communication management means separate from a list of said microcircuit cards in communication with other said microcircuit cards (see figure 2 user E is communicating with the management means and separate from other wireless device such as user G).

5. Claim 27 and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gorday and Kotzin in view of Applicant's Admitted Prior Art (hereinafter Admission).

Combination of Gorday and Kotzin does not expressly teach that microcircuit cards are at least one of a proximity card with a 10cm range and vicinity card with a 70cm range. Admission teaches such limitation as part of ISO/IEC 14443 standard and 18000 standards. (see page 3 lines 4-16). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was

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made to combine the Admission with the combination of Gorday and Kotzin in order to provide short communication link between the user A and one of partner as in figure 1 of Gorday).

Same arguments apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to claim 28.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to YUWEN PAN whose telephone number is (571)272-7855. The examiner can normally be reached on 8-5 M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Duc Nguyen can be reached on 571-272-7503. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Yuwen Pan/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2618